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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/330,417

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Michael Kornakov

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 80-87 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 80-87 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 June 1999 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 04/12/2004 has been entered.
2. The cancellation of claims 1-79 and the introduction of new claims 80-87 are noticed. Claims 80-87 are examined on the merits.

Double Patenting

3. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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4. Claims 80 provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 47,51,54 of copending Application No. 10/335,476. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 47,51,54 of 10/335,476 recite a method of forming a relief image on a substrate, including the steps of applying on the substrate a layer of antireflective composition comprising polyvinylsilsesquioxane and anthracene material, which renders both sets of claims obvious variants of each other.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Claim Objections

5. Claim 80 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 80 recites "antireflective composition that comprises a silsesquioxane resin that comprises one or more optionally substituted anthracene groups". Apparently, antireflective composition that comprises a blend of silsesquioxane resin and one or more optionally substituted anthracene groups containing component is indicated. Applicant is encouraged to correct or clarify the issue.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

7. Claims 80-86 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Thackeray et al (U.S. 6,165,697).

Thackeray teaches a method for treating a substrate comprising applying a layer of an antihalation composition on a substrate, at least partially curing the antihalation coating layer, applying a layer of photoresist on the coated substrate, exposing selected portions of photoresist, developing the exposed photoresist layer (col.3, lines 11-19), wherein the antihalation composition includes an acid or acid generator (col.2, line 64), a polymer comprising anthracene units (col.5, lines 33-34), and a silicon containing material, such as polyvinylsilsesquioxane (paragraph, bridging col. 5 and 6).

With regard to claim 81 Thackeray specifically indicates the use of photoresist that is exposed at between 100 and 300 nm (col.6, lines 57-59).

With regard to claims 85 and 86 Thackeray teaches application of antihalation composition over silicon dioxide (col.8, lines 27-28).

With regard to claims 83 and 84 Thackeray teaches thermal treatment and thus curing ("crosslinking" as instantly recited) the anihilation composition, prior to applying the photoresist.

8. Claim 87 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Thackeray et al (U.S. 6,165,697) and as evidenced by Kobayashi (U.S. 6,416,825).

Thackeray teaches application of inhalation composition for substrates, such as liquid crystal displays (col.8, lines 31-32; col.13, lines 7-8). Liquid crystal display substrates comprise organic resins, such as polycarbonate, polyethylene terephthalate as evidenced by Kobayashi (col.3, lines 4-5), such resins inherently exhibit dielectric properties. See MPEP 2131.01, which provides for the use of multiple references for 35 U.S.C. 102 rejections. A 35 U.S.C. 102 rejection over multiple references has been held to be proper when the extra references are cited to (1) prove the primary reference contains an "enabled disclosure"; (2) explain the meaning of a term used in the primary reference; or (3) show that a characteristic not disclosed in the reference is inherent.

In this case the secondary reference is used in order to show that a characteristic not disclosed in the primary reference is inherent. "To serve as an anticipation when the reference is silent about the asserted inherent characteristic, such gap in the reference may be filled with recourse to extrinsic evidence. Such evidence must make clear that the missing descriptive matter is necessarily present in the thing described in the reference, and that it would be so recognized by persons of ordinary skill." *Continental Can Co. USA v. Monsanto Co.*, 20 USPQ2d 1746, 1749 (Fed. Cir. 1991) (The court went on to explain that "this modest flexibility in the rule that 'anticipation' requires that every

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element of the claims appear in a single reference accommodates situations in which the common knowledge of technologists is not recorded in the reference; that is, where technological facts are known to those in the field of the invention, albeit not known to judges." *Id.* at 1749 - 50.) Note that, in other cases, the courts have held that there is no requirement that those of ordinary skill in the art know of the inherent property.

Therefore, all the limitations of the instant claims are explicitly or inherently met by to Thackeray.

The applied reference to Thackeray has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Kornakov whose telephone number is (571) 272-1303. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski can be reached on (571) 272-1302. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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